der to harness their talents and potential and enable them to play a much wider role in boosting the country's economy;

(b) if so, what are the industry-wise details of the women representatives in the various official decision-making bodies; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the representation of women entrepreneurs in the official decision-making bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A representation has been received from one of the National Level Associations (Women Wing) for representation.

(b) The Government have constituted the small scale industries board for making recommendations on policies and programmes related to Small Scale Industries Development in the country. This Board has also constituted a Standing Committee on development of women entrepreneurs. Industry-wise representation are not made in this committee as it would be too un-weildy. However, while the SSI Board has three women members, the Standing Committee has 10 women members out of 12 which includes women entrepreneurs and their associations.

(c) There is a provision to co-opt some additional members in the Standing Committee on development of women entrepreneurs.

Irregularities in Investment by PSUs

2995. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Industry failed to monitor properly or check irregularities in investments made by the public sector units in various banks;

(b) if so, whether Government would fix responsibility; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons of various irregularities in investment by some public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. As per the Charter of functions/responsibilities for this Ministry, they are not called upon to monitor or check irregularities in investments made by the Public Sector Units in various banks.

(b) Does not arise, in view of above.

(c) Various committees set up by the Government are expected to spell out the reasons of irregularities.

Export of coir goods

@2996. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been export of coir goods during the last three financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately, year-wise with the names of countries of export;

(c) what amount of foreign exchange has been earned separately during each year;

(d) whether Government propose to take some steps to increase the export of coir goods in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the rearons therefor?

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